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 For: A METHOD FOR)
 TRANSFERRING NUCLEIC ACID)
 INTO STRIATED MUSCLES)

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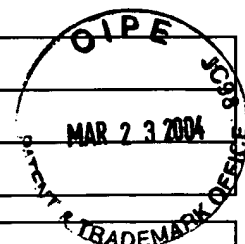
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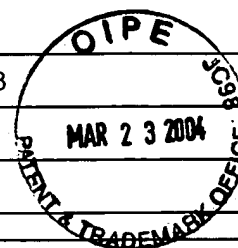
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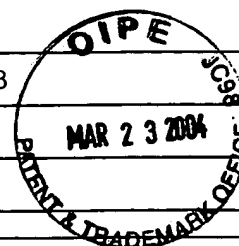
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